



**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE NORTHERN NYE COUNTY HOSPITAL
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

101 Radar Road, Tonopah, NV 89049

January 21, 2022

9:00 AM

Speakers in Attendance

Chairman Don Kaminski

Vice Chair Tim Gamble (Absent)

Secretary Treasurer Nancy Maslach (Absent)

Trustee Sam Faga (Absent)

Trustee Patty Browning

Brad Adams – Nye County IT Director

Joni Eastly – Nevada Rural Housing Authority

Dr. Russell Pillers – Biowerx

Samantha Tacket – Nye County Administration

1. Presentation and training on the Granicus agenda posting system and the BOCC video conferencing system controls.

Brad Adams gave a brief overview of the training that has been provided to District Admin on the Granicus conferencing system. Mr. Adams also provided information to the Board of who runs these systems and who is available for help if there is ever an issue with the BOCC Conferencing system.

2. Discussion concerning 2022 goal setting and priorities for the District, its contractors and employee. Including direction and clarification for staff.

Supporting Documents: [Personnel Policy](#), [Employee Job Description](#), [Fund Balance Report](#)

Chairman Don Kaminski stated that no decisions can be made during the workshop and informed listeners that a quorum was not present.

Chairman Kaminski reminded listeners that the Board recently voted to release a RFQ for the houses on Victoria Street.

Joni Eastly let the Board know that Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition used to have millions of dollars in grant funding for Phase 1 projects and if the money is still available the Airforce Houses may qualify.

Joni Eastly gave the board a brief history of the Hospital Districts ownership of the Air Force houses.

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Joni Eastly Informed the Board that her Coalition has put together a Housing Summit on Feb. 17th and 18th the discuss the housing needs in Tonopah as well as the SB11 that they introduced during the 2021 legislative session.

Chairman Kaminski told Mrs. Eastly that he would be willing to would entertain a proposal from her Coalition about alternative option for the Air Force houses as well as an alternative ownership agreement.

Trustee Browning stated that she is not interested in pulling millions of dollars in the Air Force houses and believe the Districts money can be much better spent.

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Chairman Kaminski's next topic of interest was the House on Central Street. Mr. Kaminski feels the Board should sell the property and try to get their money back.

Trustees agree that an apartment or suite would be more cost effective for medical staff housing.

Joni Eastly told a story to the Board of an experience that was told to her by the last provider that lived in the Central street house. The story included why the provider and his family felt the need to move urgently from the property.

Trustee Browning reminded the Board that historically the hospital housed staff in apartments and hotel rooms. The benefits of this would include less cost and low maintenance.

Chairman Kaminski proposes instead of building a \$20 - \$30 million Hospital of which the Board doesn't know if they can maintain, maybe the Board should look at clearing the space where the old hospital building is, prepping it and then coming up with a plan to do modulares. After that the Board could start with a modular then the Board will know what is needed. Mr. Kaminski proposes to have something where staff can take a 911 Ambulance call, bring the patient in, triage them and take care of them and then either fly them out, send them back home or keep them overnight for observation.

Trustee Browning shared that no matter what they build, staffing is going to be a problem.

Chairman Kaminski shared that he intends to speak with Esmeralda County Economic Development about possible funding that has been set aside for counties that do not have a hospital.

Dr. Pillers added the Hospital Districts point of view to Joni Eastly's history of the Hospital Districts Ownership of the Airforce house.

Dr. Pillers assured the trustees that he does not ever see the responsibility of running the new hospital falling on their shoulders. He also discussed er/ hospital options as well as advice given to him and Vice chair Gamble by Colonel Dadgar.

Dr. Pillers discussed the support and funding that the hospital district has.

Trustee Browning shared her desire to set actual goals to assist in making progress. She states that the medical care in Tonopah is failing and insufficient.

Dr. Pillers and Trustee Browning discussed the benefits of either working towards getting the public more informed or carrying on and being motivated by doing a good job as a board.

Dr. Pillers shared that as soon as the meeting is over he intends to head over to Honey Strozzi's office to publish the RFQ for a criteria Architect.

Chairman Don Kaminski discussed with the Board about the letter they sent to Dr. Van Le stating deficiencies they saw and a request to have them taken care of.

Dr. Pillers stated that he feels CNRC was forced out. They, would have done anything to stay, but with the situation they were under, they had no choice. For their own personal health, legal health, physical health, they had to leave. CNRC told him that they would come back in a heartbeat, if the situation changes.

Dr. Piller and trustees discussed repatriation of patients, ER survivability, Staffing difficulties, local providers, marketing difficulties, provider consistency, options for a new hospital.

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Next Topic of interest was brought up by Chairman Kaminski. He asked Admin to explain the process of uploading minutes and what is required to be included in the minutes.

Administrative secretary Melissa Reid shared the download & upload process.

Trustee Browning explained that she had instructed Ms. Reid to research the local town and county minutes and replicate their style of minutes as well as research the NRS that defines the expectations of meeting minutes.

Trustees discussed the fact that Ms. Reid volunteers with the ambulance and how they would like to manage her time when she is on-call during office hours.

Trustee Browning shared that she would like to convert to a goal setting evaluation form for staff.

Chairman Kaminski recommends that Ms. Reid take POOL PACT classes.

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Next topic of interest was brought up by Chairman Don Kaminski. He asked to discuss seeing more data on expenditures and revenue.

Trustee Browning would like to see what is encumbered in their budget.

Mrs. Tacket recommend Chairman Kaminski reach out to Elizabeth Enriquez for more information about the budget and reports.

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Next topic of interest was brought-up by Administration. The Nevada Dental Foundation needs to have a Board assigned point of contact.

Trustees agree to have this as an agenda item on the next meeting.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

No General Public Comment

4. ADJOURN

01.21.2022 meeting adjourned.

Signed this 2nd day of February 2023

Chair

